

# Lily of the Mohawks

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# The Holy Family and Kateri

Over the main altar of the Holy Family Chapel in the Tuscarora Reservation, Lewiston, N.Y., hangs the painting of the Holy Family as you see on this LILY's front page. From Document X in the POSITION, the compilation of data on Kateri's life submitted to Rome for the introduction of her cause, we obtain the reason why such a painting is prominent in an Indian Chapel and why we should print it in connection with Venerable Kateri.

## Holy Family Influence

"Monseigneur de Laval, first Bishop of Quebec, a prelate full of zeal for his flock, had already established the devotion of the Holy Family in his episcopal city as a very suitable means to sanctify it. It produced a great deal of good in effect among the families, and still does constantly, to the edification of the entire country. From Quebec this devotion spread to other parishes with the same results. From the French it came to the Indians, so that the Father in charge of the mission which is now at the Sault and which had its beginning at the Prairie de la Madeleine, deemed it proper to establish the Confraternity of the Holy Family there, as a good means of maintaining and increasing the fervor of that new church. It was decided, however, only to admit a few of the more fervent people of both sexes, so as to give a higher idea of it and to oblige the members who were honored by such a great grace to respond by the holiness of their lives. In this they did not fail, because the Indians, once they have given themselves to God, are capable of the greatest and the most whole-hearted devotion. The small number of chosen souls upheld its new character by an exemplary piety, some were even so austere that the rest of the village looked upon them with a sort of veneration, and to call a person a saint or a member of the Holy Family was to say one and

the same thing, so that they kept this name afterwards as a special sign in the mission. Katherine, who was still very young, and had only been at the Sault for approximately seven to eight months, was admitted to this small number, to which others were received only at an advanced age and after several years of probation."

## Proves to be a Most Worthy Member

"But, as we have already pointed out, her virtue placed her above the rule for the ordinary people of the village, and they, moreover, far from being jealous, generally approved of her election. The members of the Holy Family especially showed their joy, looking upon Katherine as capable of sustaining of herself alone this saintly society by her good example. She was the only one who considered that she herself was unworthy, such humble ideas did she have of herself; but the more she thought of her unworthiness, the more she thought it a duty to work for her perfection, so as not to lower the fervor of the Confraternity, to which she gave a new renown by her own. What is certain is that the memory of her alone was sufficient to inspire for a long time, and continues to inspire the fervor of many others."

## The Glory of the Indian Race

Today Kateri can also lead her people to God more than ever. "The Glory of the Indian Race" is the inscription on the bronze statue recently dedicated by the Sioux in South Dakota. While some lament our efforts to have her beatified and canonized, the more she is extolled the more of a moral force she becomes in imparting to her people the real meaning of life. Our Indian brothers and sisters can accomplish much on their own as long as they are inspired, sparked, and motivated by their chiefest boast - Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

# PRAYER POWER EMPHASIZED AT BAPTISMAL SITE

"In assigning September 5 as a Kateri Day of Prayer," declared Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, Bishop of Albany, "I do so with a sense of pride and of necessity. With pride because in our own diocese was born the Lily of the Mohawks, one who led a very holy life amidst the most adverse circumstances. With a sense of necessity because we are looking for a saint for the seventies."

There was a sense of pride and of necessity in the group that filled St. Peter's Memorial Chapel, Fonda, N.Y., for the special holy hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on this day.

All who were in the chapel felt pride because they were associated with the Kateri cause and because they felt the pride the bus load of Kateri's descendants from the St. Regis Reservation, Ho-



gansburg, N.Y., displayed by their presence. (See picture above).

Necessity brought everyone to Kateri's baptismal site for everyone knew how necessary it is to exert the power of prayer in furthering the process leading to the beatification and canonization of Venerable Kateri.

Leading the prayers were Fr. William Schlaerth, former vice postulator, Fr. Henri Bechard, vice postulator for Canada, Fr. Michael Jacobs from St. Regis, Fr. Thomas Egan, Martyrs' Shrine director, and Fr. Joseph McBride, vice postulator for the United States.

Singing for the occasion was supplied by the voices of the Sisters of the Resurrection (See picture at bottom) from Mt. Loretto in Amsterdam, N.Y. One of the foremost organists in the country was with them, Sister Theresia, C.R. The entire group ended the prayer event with a hymn in honor of Kateri, "The Lily of the Mohawks" by Rev. J.B. Crowe.

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BISHOP BRODERICK

FR. MCBRIDE

The core of the holy hour was the Scriptural Rosary before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. After each mystery a section of the poem by Marilyn Eynon Scott was read and meditated upon. The poem was mailed to all League Members on August 10.

Catholic newspapers all over the country carried the invitation of Bishop Broderick to join in prayer to ask Almighty God to bring about the one first class miracle needed for Kateri's beatification.

Father Thomas Grassmann, OFM Conv., curator of the Mohawk Caughnawaga Museum and of the St. Peter's Chapel at Fonda, along with his new assistant, Father Manus McGettigan, welcomed the pilgrims to the hour of prayer.

A concelebrated Mass in the Coliseum at Auriesville, N.Y., followed at four o'clock, the birthplace of the Lily of the Mohawks.





# Proud Moments Associated With Chief's Regalia

Chief Rakeni Karonhiio or Chief Blue Skies, otherwise known as Father McBride, the vice postulator, received another valuable part of his regalia after the performance in the Martyr's Shrine Coliseum, Sept 5.

A genuine cow-hide skin jacket given to Father McBride was made by the women of the St. Francis Xavier Reservation, Caughnawaga, Canada. On the back are the emblems in skillfully designed bead-work of the three clans of the Mohawks, the Bear, the Turtle, and the Wolf. The honorary chief belongs to the Turtle Clan because this is the one to which Kateri belonged.



CHIEF RAKENI KARONHIIO

Often Father is asked why "Blue Skies"? According to Father Michael Jacobs, of the St. Regis Reservation, one who preaches must have his listeners turn their eyes upwards to heaven, and for the Indians heaven was the blue skies.

In the talks Father McBride gives on Kateri he points out that he accepted this honor in order to feel he was more of an Indian and in order to sense his belonging to the people who are the descendants of Venerable Kateri. His pride in "belonging" urges an increase of effort to work for all the American Indians in whatever way he can to see that justice is meted out to them as the Indians are asserting themselves to regain what was taken

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## THE VENERABLE KATERI TEKAKWITHA LEAGUE

**PURPOSE OF THE LEAGUE:** To spread the life story of Kateri Tekakwitha by passing out her holy cards and literature, by promoting her cause as a project for your club, organization or society, or through the schools in your area.

**OBLIGATIONS:** 1. Recite daily the prayer for the beatification of Venerable Kateri. 2. Offer some work for the intentions of the League Members.

**BENEFITS:** 1. Each 1st Friday—a Mass is offered for all League Members by a missionary priest in the Caroline Islands. 2. Annually—a Novena of Masses for League Members, Sept. 18 to Sept. 26. 3. Our publication LILY OF THE MOHAWKS is sent to all members. 4. Daily remembrance in the Mass of the Vice-Postulator. 5. A sharing in the spiritual works, and apostolic labors of over 5,000 League Members.

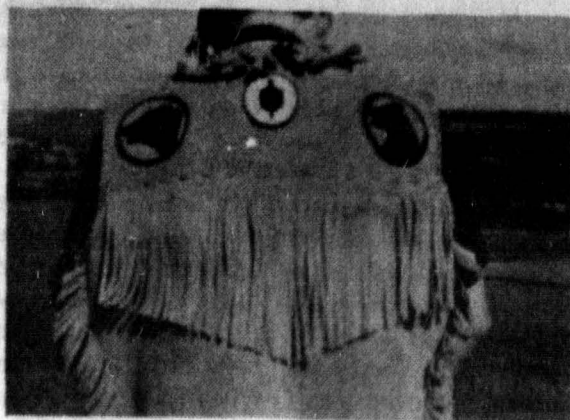
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from them.

Father likes to assert what another priest has frequently mentioned: "The Indians don't want hand-outs, they don't want charity. They want to be self-reliant and self-sufficient. This is why I beg for them - so they will never have to beg for themselves."

Clothes make the man. The Indians have great taste in the costumes they wear for a Pow-Wow. This is only one of the great talents the Indians possess in the field of Arts and Crafts. The Auriesville Museum will display them next year.



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# KATERI STORY TOLD AT 17 PERFORMANCES

To promote the Kateri cause was the objective of the 17 performances staged by Mary-Eunice and Joe Spagnola and Father McBride from May 21 to June 17, 1970. Many new friends were made and many new possibilities for advancing the cause were open.

The audiences ranged from school children to senior citizens, from infirmaries to club meetings. With one or two exceptions the program included monologues by Mary-Eunice entitled "Death of Kateri", "Newly-Weds", and "Kateri As She Speaks From Heaven", followed by slide lecture by Father McBride.

## Amsterdam Beginning

The first performance took place at Mt. Loretto Rest Home in Amsterdam, N.Y., which is under the supervision of the Sisters of the Resurrection. On this occasion Father Thomas Egan, director of the Martyrs' Shrine in Auriesville, commented on the slides shown.

The next stop was at Hamburg, N.Y., where the show was staged for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and their friends. Sister Gemma and Sister Cortona outdid themselves in making posters describing the work of the League. Later these posters appeared in the Kateri Museum at Auriesville.

## Queen City - Motor City

On Monday, May 25, answering the invitation of Sister Victorine the show went on before the infirm sisters at the Mercy Sisters Infirmary, Buffalo, N.Y.

With a blessing from Fr. Schlaerth, former vice postulator, the heavily laden Chevy leaves

for Detroit where good friends, Nick Shorn, Chet Adams, and Fr. DesLongchamps, welcome the troupe. Mary-Eunice is thrilled for here she performed the Kateri Story in place of the homily during Mass. Mrs. Deerhouse, a Mohawk, carried up the gifts at the Offertory. Mr. Shorn, founder of the Block Rosary, passed away Sept. 11 at 88. A two-hour visit with Fr. Charles Coughlin, famed radio priest of the thirties, made memorable this stop. And the girls win in the Kateri Contest at the St. Michael's School showing.

## At Franciscan's Marytown

A 350 mile ride through hot and humid Chicago brings the trio to Marytown, the home of the attractive IMMACULATE Magazine and the hospitable Franciscan Friars. Fr. Evarist's humor almost hides his serious efforts to establish a common date for Easter and the reform of the Gregorian Calendar. An evening show takes place before a group of the Friars' friends and the next day Bro. Camillus arranges for a showing at the Carmelite Rest Home.

## Autographs Sought

Alice Hammes, right arm of Rudy Ellensohn who is the founder of "Christ in Christmas Activities", brings the caravan to St. Florian's, Milwaukee, for an evening staging. Rain keeps the audience small. The following day Msgr. Julius Dorsynski introduces the program to his school children, who clamor for autographs afterwards, of Our Lady of Czestochowa parish. Then at St. James School, Mequon, even with difficulty of making all entrances from the rear of the hall the children delight in Mary-Eunice's skit on the "Newly-Weds."

## Turning Point at Heights

A welcome to Assisi Heights, Rochester, Minn., is extended by foremost Kateri promoter Sister Winifred, celebrating her sixty-third year in religious life, and the charming Sister Chabanel. This seemed like real Tekakwitha Headquarters - all are enthusiastic about the cause, the beautiful Kateri Lounge, the interest in the Kateri program! A special show was put on for the sick Sisters and the nurses.

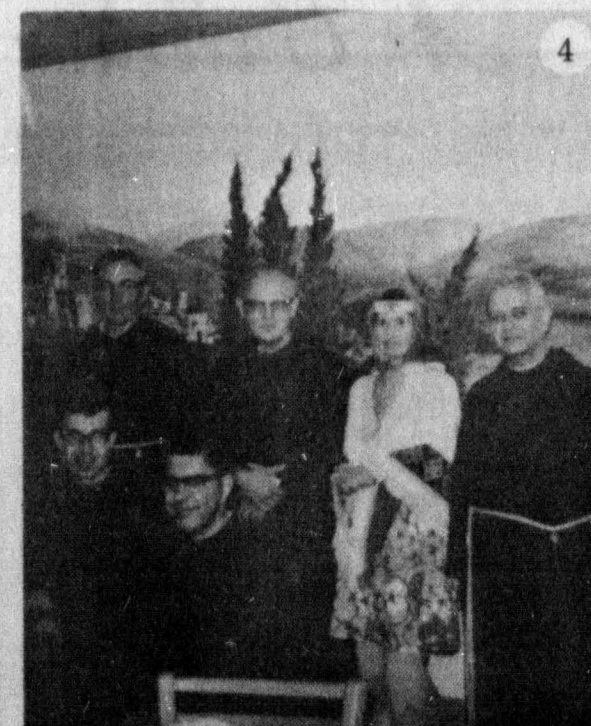
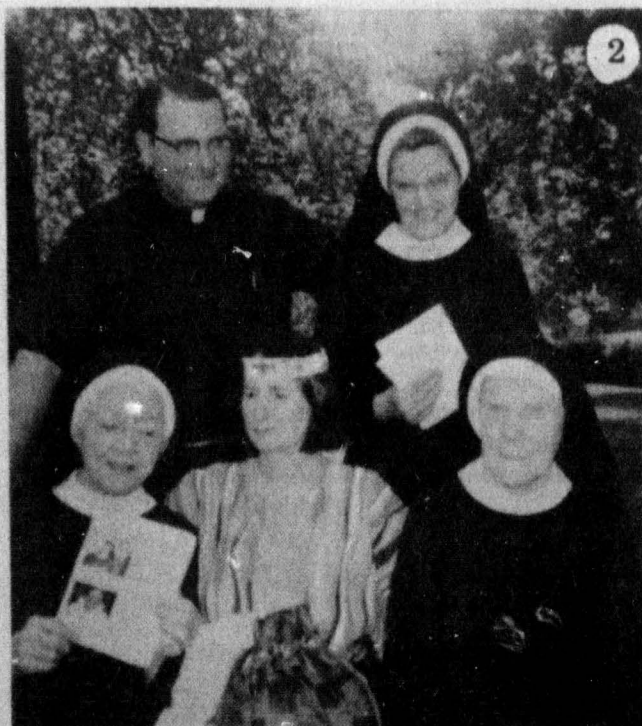
The Heights visit is interrupted so that the show can go to St. Anne's Home in Duluth. As Father McBride carries in the luggage one senior citizen asks, "Are you moving in?" In for the show, not for residence. Subsequent to this appearance was

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## WARNING

For safe mailing please make sure your envelopes are tightly sealed. To avoid easy pilferage of money enclosed do not send cash in the mail. During the summer some inconveniences have occurred for League Members and the League Office because donations were missing in the correspondence. Thank you.





1. At Mt. Loretto Rest Home, Amsterdam, N.Y., the Resurrection Sisters welcome the Kateri Troupe for the first performance. Sister Noel, third left, arranged the evening. 2. Mercy Sisters gather after the show with Mary-Eunice and Fr. McBride in Buffalo, N.Y. 3. Father "D", right, and Chet Adams, second right, welcome us to St. Isaac Jogues parish, St. Clare Shores, Michigan. 4. MARY-TOWN, Kenosha, Wis., redounds with hearty welcome from the Franciscan Friars. 5. Procession of Mohawk Indians at St. Isaac Jogues' Mass. 6. Msgr. Dorsynski,



pastor of O. L. of Czestochowa, Milwaukee, greets Mary-Eunice and Joe. 7. Clemintine Lenta, author and invalid, is one of many blessed with Kateri relic, Duluth. 8. Franciscan Motherhouse, Rochester, Minn., is main destination where Sister Winifred and Sister Chabanel have worked months for the evening showing. 9. Fr. Sams en route to Guam welcomes Mary-Eunice and Fr. McBride as they return to Buffalo. Joe Spagnola, worn out, rests while pic is shot.



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# *A Tribute to Kateri*

by the High School Students, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota, May 14, 1970

She was not a Hollywood Star.....she was not the daughter of a king.....she never appeared on television.....she founded no empire, wrote no books, fashioned no great works of art.....she did the one thing necessary.....she loved God. Life was hard for Kateri.....she was born in the woods of North America.....she lived a rather short life.....she walked the path, the red path of life.....she believed in something greater than herself.....trials and sorrows were hers from her earliest childhood.

When just a small child, she lost her parents.....she suffered from smallpox, which hurt her eyes and left her face marked.....but she was happy, because in her heart she carried the love of God.

People hurt her.....they said she was trying to be good.....she would not commit sin with them.....to save her soul she fled many miles in a canoe.....she went to a place where she could live and love God.....this was the most important thing in her life.

They told her she should marry.....many braves tried to make her give into them.....but she gave her life to God.....she made a vow of chastity.....and she lived it out.....When life was so hard she was sad.....she went into the woods and found there a quiet place, a place where she could talk to God and listen to his voice.....Her body wore out early in her life.....her soul was strong with the love of God. Yes, she suffered a lot, she had many trials, but it didn't last so long.....the day came when God called her to Himself so that she could love Him for all eternity.....And so on Holy Thursday she lay down her life, she went home to God to be happy for all eternity.

Some people are remembered for the things

they did.....monuments are built to generals and presidents and kings.....Kateri is remembered for what she did not do.....she did not give up.....she did not turn from God.....she is also remembered for what she did.....she walked the path of life with her eyes on God.....she lived each day according to His will.....she loved Him and He loved her.....for this she is a great Indian.....for this she deserves monuments and statues.....for this she deserves our reverence.....she has taught us to walk the path of life according to God's will.....for this we should always be grateful to her.....We have trials.....we have sadness.....we have sorrow.....but like Kateri, we also have God.

As the winds sigh through the woods, the birds sing, the sun shines on our pines and prairies, we hear the hoofbeats of the horses of our famous chiefs and warriors, we hear the pounding of the buffalo hooves across the meadows, we see the smoke from the campfires rise from the tipi flaps.....before us the faces of Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, Hollow Horn Bear.....all the great chiefs of the Sioux.....we see Tecumseh, Cochise, Old Joseph.....great chiefs of other Indian nations - we see the faces of men who were great in Indian history - great because they fought for their people.....and we see the face of Kateri - great because she taught her people how to live, how to love God, how to walk the path of life.

We hail you, Kateri.....we honor you.....we, your brothers and sisters, thank you for showing us the Indian way of life, of eternal life.....we ask you to bless us, to protect us, to speak to God for us - we your Indian brothers and sisters.

**Lily of the Mohawks**  
by Naomi Harriet Groat

Oh, lily that grew in the wild northern forest,  
Oh, fawn that dwelt in the mountain lion's den,  
Oh, dove that stayed in the nest of the eagle,  
Oh, maiden who lived among savage men.

Kateri Tekakwitha, of the fierce tribe of Mohawks,  
May your prayers to Heaven be not in vain,  
May your dreams of peace among all nations  
Bring every nation back to God again.

-from 1966 Spring issue of York State TRADITION



# KATERI

## IS THE NAME



### CHET ADAMS ELECTED TO BOARD, IS DETROIT REPRESENTATIVE

The City of Detroit and the state of Michigan now has an official representative of the Kateri Tekakwitha League in the person of Chet Adams, 19901 Woodbine, Detroit, Michigan, 48219. Chet was unanimously elected to the Board of Directors at a recent meeting.

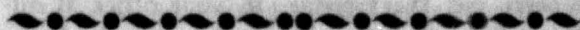
Mr. Adams is presently working with Father Thomas M. Dominiak, director of the Catholic Shrine in upper Michigan, to formulate plans for a dedication ceremony of a Kateri statue next year. The Indian River shrine will one day be known as the Shrine of the Lily of the Mohawks.

During the recent Kateri tour Chet arranged for the program at St. Isaac Jogues Church and

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**I AM KATERI HELEN TOENJES**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Toenjes, 1645 Fairholme Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. I was born on Oct. 29, 1969, and have a brother, Matthew, I was at the Kateri Program in St. Isaac Jogues Church, St. Clair Shores, May 27, and enjoyed it very much.



**MY NAME IS KATERI BELBY** and I live with my parents at 1011 Ave "C", Bayonne, N.J., and have an older sister Bridget, 2½ years old. When I was born I weighed 8 lbs, and shortly after was baptized by a Jesuit Father John Murray in St. Peter's Church, Jersey City, N.J. I was born on June 24, 1970.

through his daughter, Marilyn, at St. Michael's elementary school.

The Detroit agent is a man of dynamic energy and scintillating ideas. He holds a responsible position with a real estate company. This alone consumes hours of his day, yet he writes, contacts newspapers, pastors, and clubs in order to popularize the Kateri cause. He is working on a concise, descriptive leaflet giving details of Kateri's life and the work of the league.

He resides with his wife Cecile, daughter and son. His married daughter, Marilyn, is an elementary school teacher.



# Some Of Kateri's Answers

**ASSESSMENT LOWER** - Early this year I prayed to Kateri that the tax assessment on an unfinished house we own would not be excessive. Our prayer was answered and the assessment is even lower than we had hoped. Now we pray that we can sell this same property. I also prayed that a friend of mine would be able to sell her home as she is ill with Arthritis. She did sell it and received the amount that she wanted for it. All thanks to God and to wonderful Kateri who intercedes for us. - Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

**ESOPHAGUS CLEARED** - For two or more years I have been seeking a cure for a stricture in the lower part of the esophagus. After making a novena and praying to Kateri Tekakwitha I located a doctor who has almost completely cured me. It is a rare occasion when I have any difficulty swallowing. I wanted you to know this cure which I attribute to the intercession of Kateri. I have another intention I wish you to pray for. My brother-in-law has been afflicted with a heart attack and partial stroke. If it is God's will I ask to have him restored to health. - Portland, Oregon.

**NORMAL LIFE NOW** - Father, I have written reports and thanksgivings to your office at different times for what amounted to miracles in my humble opinion. The last one dated 1/15/70 was an overnight improvement in the critical condition of my niece, Eileen. I would like to tell you now that her improvement continued. She spent a few weeks in a private hospital and continued under a psychiatrist's care until he discharged her. During this period she returned to business and was leading a normal life. She was happily married on May 16, 1970. - Philadelphia, Pa.

**HEMMORHOIDS DISAPPEARED** - Recently I had been suffering terribly with swollen hemorrhoids for which I tried several forms of medication, but without success. I was sure that surgery would be the only solution because the discomfort was becoming unbearable. But, as usual, I sought spiritual help, and remembering that Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha had granted a favor to my mother some years ago (also pertaining to relief of a physical infection), I prayed to Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede to Our Lord for me that I may be healed without surgery. I was astonished several days ago when I realized that the swollen tissue had shrunk and healed beautifully. I am positive that it was the result of her intercession on my behalf. I also wish to mention that when I told my mother about this, she then told me that she had also been praying every day to Kateri Tekakwitha for me.

Ours is a very religious family and I feel it is my obligation to bring this matter to your attention in hopes that it will strengthen the qualifications of Kateri to be beatified as soon as possible. - Long Island City, New York.

**DAUGHTER CONCEIVES** - I would deeply appreciate it, Father, if you would send me two statues and three novena prayers and note paper as I have made another new follower of Kateri. I found her through a neighbor. My heart was heavy, my daughter had just lost a baby, and has only one little son. How she wanted another until I thought her heart would break. I prayed to Holy Kateri without any let-up. My daughter said no one can help her not even doctors. This was two years ago.

I told her my little Indian saint would not let me down, that she would conceive. My daughter is now three months with child and how happy my little girl is! I know Kateri would answer my prayers and she did. Enclosed is a donation of four dollars toward the League's work. - Pittsburgh, Pa.

**A BIG THANK YOU** - I am enclosing a check for \$60. in thanksgiving for favors God has granted me through Venerable Kateri and to promote the cause of Kateri Tekakwitha. - Warren, Pa.

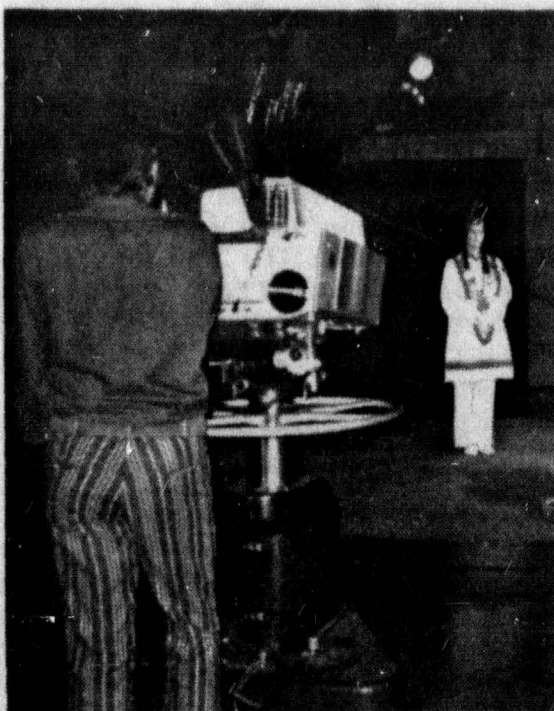
**FAVOR LONG REMEMBERED** - Have read in the paper of your projected visit on behalf of the beatification of Venerable Kateri. Over 40 years ago I made a novena to Kateri and before I finished it my request was granted, and believe me, Father, my request was almost a hopeless one. Please use the enclosed donation to help your work and I would appreciate any literature you could send me, particularly the novena which I have long since lost but have never forgotten. - Ocean City, N.J.

**MOTHER, FATHER HELPED** - I am enclosing my check for five dollars for a Mass to be said in thanksgiving for a special favor through the intercession of Kateri. My mother was taken to the hospital and was critically ill with a high fever. After making two novenas to Kateri Tekakwitha, she is home now and getting better.

I also wish to acknowledge two other favors. Two years ago, I was struck by a car and was wearing the Kateri medal and was spared serious injury. Two years ago, my father was seriously ill and had taken convulsions. We placed a Kateri holy card under his pillow and he became quiet and did not have any more convulsions. He died peacefully a few weeks later. Hope the acknowledgement of these favors will help to further the cause of Kateri's canonization. - Baltimore, Md.



**RELIGION '70**  
**WEWS, CLEVELAND,**  
**OHIO, Directed by Bob**  
**Brady, Interviewed by**  
**Dorothy Fuldheim**  
**Mary-Eunice presents**  
**"Kateri as She Speaks**  
**from Heaven" - Presented**  
**Sunday, July 5.**



**UNDER STARS AND**  
**STRIPES, WCAE-TV,**  
**CHANNEL 50, October 6,**  
**6:30 P.M. Presents Mary-**  
**Eunice. Ted Lucas, Pro-**  
**gram Director, Mary Lou**  
**Kieswetter, Interviewer.**  
**Program arranged by**  
**Dorothea Dante.**

## 17 Shows

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a visit to the outdoor Kateri Shrine at the home of Mrs. O. J. Renier (Cf. LILY, Fall, '69) and dinner at the home of Clementine Lenta, author of "What Can I Do for Christ?", "Fatima or Moscow", and other articles.

Back in the afternoon at Assisi Heights, Bishop of LaCrosse Frederick Freking asks about the cause. Also, a meeting with Marilyn Scott's sister, Sister Helen. After a visit the next morning to the Mayo Clinic, actually founded by the Franciscans, the long-awaited performance takes place before a packed hall. Fervent farewells the next morning as St. Louis becomes the next encounter.

### At Gateway to West

At the home of the famous Sacred Heart Radio-TV Program Fr. Denis Daly and Fr. Eugene Murphy tell about possible time for the Kateri Program on the world-wide Voice of the Apostleship of Prayer. Sister Paul, blind activities coordinator of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, is on hand to see all goes well for the show. Elsewhere, the day before the troupe entertained a group of Sodalists of Mt. Carmel Parish, Met Fr. Christopher, who with his Capuchin Players, presents an annual Passion Play, Mae Duggan, active in a Parent's Rights Organization, Fr. Dan Sullivan, Mt. Carmel pastor, and Harvey Johnson of Christian Union Work.

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### Late for Final Show

With difficulties from rain and poor directions the National Scapular Center, Aylesford, finally is located. Cordiality takes over at the hands of Father Howard Rafferty and the finest show of them all takes place on Saturday evening, June 12, in the Carmelite Hall. Persons never-to-be-forgotten besides the great Carmelites are Joan the cook, Margaret and Dorothy the receptionists, Dorothea Dante, John Olsen and Faith Smith.

Finally, hours are spent to find the scene of the last performance before a live audience. It is at the Gilmary School, Coraopolis, Pa. The show went on though several hours late. On to Pittsburgh for the night.

### Kateri Makes TV Debut

Through Jim Breslin, a good friend of Joe O'Brien of Cleveland, a TV taping of Mary-Eunice and an interview with Fr. McBride by Dorothy Fuldheim of WEWS was made for a viewing on RELIGION '70, Sunday, July 5. Mr. Bob Brady, WEWS program director, directed.

Indiana's first educational TV, St. John, features Mary-Eunice as Kateri on the program "Under Stars and Stripes", Channel 50, WCAE-TV, Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30 P.M. Mary Lou Kieswetter interviewed Mary-Eunice and Father McBride.



## NOTES FROM THE BARK . . . by *father mcbride*

- \* **A NICE PIECE CARRYING** a picture of Ven. Kateri was used by the Catholic Medical Mission Board, New York City, in its September thank-you folder. Thank you, Fr. Walter S.J.!
- \* **THE LAST TEN COPIES OF THE "POSITIO"**, the documentation on Kateri's life submitted to Rome for the introduction of her cause, was purchased from the Fordham University Press. Five of these are for sale at \$7.50. Five will be reserved for loan. In the latter case a deposit of ten dollars is asked. Upon return of the book the money will be refunded. For purchase or loan write to the Office of the Vice Postulator, 12 Central Park Plaza, Buffalo, N.Y. 14214.
- \* **OUR GREAT FRIEND AND PROMOTER**, Sister Winifred, is in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., suffering from a pinched nerve. On our stop at the Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse last June Sister was celebrating her sixty-third year in religious life. Please pray that Sister gets up and about again for she has no parallel in her enthusiastic support of the League's promotional work.
- \* **BEGINNING WITH SEPTEMBER** and for the next six First Fridays Fr. John Curran S.J., missionary at Xavier High on Truk, Caroline Islands, is offering a Mass for all League Members. As Kateri's faith was born from the missionary activity of the early Jesuit missionaries to New York State, so do Kateri's friends help keep fertile the same soil in one of the most difficult mission stations in the world today.
- \* **FROM ALL THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE** met on our promotional tour only one crank comment was received. It is the usual being aired today- why all this effort in behalf of some one already in heaven? why not work for those suffering here on earth? Elsewhere in this issue are answers given to the warped, small-of-faith mentality that aborts such comment.
- \* **WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN?** Objectively, LOOK Magazine, June 7, 1970 presented the plight of the American Indian. So much can be done for him. How help can be given without political maneuvering and without a lot of talk needs some thoughtful planning that will produce action on the part of the Indians themselves.
- \* **ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE KATERI CAUSE** has been made by Mary-Eunice. The Spagnolas' Better World Enterprise has produced a 33 1/3 Hi-Fi record presenting "The Death of Kateri Tekakwitha" and "The Skeptic at Fatima", written and performed by Mary-Eunice. Priced at \$1.00, the record may be obtained from the Office of the Vice Postulator or from Mary Productions, 58 Lenison Ave., Belford, N.J., 07718. A worthy disc to any collection!
- \* **TOM CONSTANTINO, GENERAL MANAGER OF NOTEWORTHY CO.**, wrote (Similar words came in about our August mailing from many others.): "Received your wonderful mailing with poem and must compliment you on this great work. The poem by Marilyn Scott is exceedingly good. It just goes to show you that it requires a good deal of talent and detail to be able to perform properly. I am sure this mailing will do you much good, Father, and I hope my little contribution enclosed will help it along in some small way." Pardon while we blush.
- \* **A REMINDER** — Only black and white pictures can be used in the LILY OF THE MOHAWKS. This is stated here in reference to photos sent in of children bearing Kateri's name.
- \* **WELCOME TO FATHER MANUS MCGETTIGAN, OFM CONV.**, as he joins Fr. Grassmann at the St. Peter's Memorial Chapel at Fonda, N.Y., the baptismal site of Venerable Kateri!
- \* **IN THE NEW CHURCH CALENDAR** the feast of Sts. Isaac Jogues and Companions is celebrated on October 19 instead of Sept. 26. Next year the Novena of Masses for League Members will be adjusted to this change, running from October 11 to October 19, 1971.
- \* **TO AVOID DELAY** may I ask those who wish to have candles burn before Kateri's Shrine at Auriesville contact the Shrine Office directly. Address: Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville, N.Y., 12016. Specify that you want the candle to burn before Kateri's statue and for how long.
- \* **THE SISTERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD**, Hamburg, N.Y., have prepared some very attractive pictures of Kateri as only these Sisters can do. They have the artistic touch! No set price is attached to these. If you wish one, send for it, (state small, medium, large), and then make a donation. And deepest thanks to Sister Cortona and Sister Gemma who are responsible for this excellent work!
- \* **BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE** a supply of the favorite post card with the large Kateri portrait will have arrived. No satisfactory report can be given on the promise made in the last issue about having Buehrle's "Kateri of the Mohawks" reprinted. Efforts to obtain a printing will continue.
- \* **A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR STOP IN DETROIT** was a two hour visit with the famous radio priest of the thirties, Father Charles E. Coughlin. He is still the dynamic orator and has the drive and fight of his popular radio days. Joe Spagnola used to sell his "Social Justice."